

## **VENDOR EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS**

### **Process 2013**

#### **ENGINE AND TENDERS:**

For the 2013 season, the Forest Service will implement a policy to ensure quality equipment is offered for the Waterhandling Agreement. The Waterhandling Agreement is a new three year agreement for the years 2013 thru 2015.

It will be the vendor's responsibility to obtain quality inspections from a certified mechanic. The Government will not locate certified mechanics nor produce a list. Vendor is responsible for costs incurred in obtaining the inspection. Inspection shall be completed on the OF-296 and Exhibit M in the Waterhandling Solicitation. Certified Inspector will validate foam proportioning system – either manual or automatic, age of engine, and pump performance on engines as outlined in Exhibit J; and type of suspension, spray configuration, and age for support tenders. Vendors will ensure certified mechanic verifies appropriate baffling of the tanks. Vendor will provide photocopy of DMV registration, certified scale tickets to validate GVWR and tank capacity for each piece of equipment, and a copy of the current Department of Transportation inspection. Certified weights shall be for each piece of equipment, front, rear axles and total, empty tanks and full tanks.

Documentation, including:

- Completed Exhibit M
- OF-296 VEHICLE/HEAVY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION CHECKLISTS
- Certified Scale Tickets
- Current DOT inspection
- Photocopy of equipment's DMV registration

will be submitted to

- Forest Service
- Fire and Aviation
- P.O. Box 3623
- Portland, Oregon 97208

no later than March 22, 2013, prior to award of the agreement.

Certified mechanics shall have a minimum three (3) years experience at the journeyman level on all classes of light and medium trucks and DOT air brake qualifications (FMVCSA 49CFR 396.25).

If you have any questions, please contact LuAnn (503) 808-2238 or Tony (503) 808-2328.